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In re application of :

Peter SCHUBERT et al. :

Group Art Unit: 1645

Serial No.: 09/372,036 :

Examiner: P. Baskar

Filed: August 11, 1999 :

For: **PROCESSES AND AGENTS FOR DETECTING LISTERIAS**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below and consider the remarks which follow:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 66 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 42, 43, and 67-70 as follows:

42. (Amended) An isolated antibody which specifically binds an epitope from only one of the following peptides: SEQ ID NO: 17, 20, 26, 29, 30 or 31 of the p60 protein from Listeria monocytogenes and wherein said antibody does not cross-react with an epitope from other Listeria species.

43. (Amended) An isolated antibody which is prepared by immunizing an experimental animal with only one of the following peptides: SEQ ID NO: 17, 20, 26, 29, 30 or 31, or with an immunogenic conjugate which comprises only one of the following peptides: SEQ ID